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AS OFFHAND REACTION TOUGH POSITION TAKEN BY GROMYKO IN TODAY & TALKS. FOLLOWING WOULD SEEM BE POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS.

1) THIS IS USUAL SOVIET NEGOTIATING TACTIC. AM INCLINED IN CIRCUMSTANCES DISCOUNT THIS AS SOVIETS WELL AWARE FRENCH ATTITUDE AND POSSIBILITY WE WOULD SIMPLY BREAK OFF EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS.

- 2) SOVIETS HAVE SOME REASON DESIRE TO DRAW OUT PRESENT DISCUSSIONS. GROMYKO SPECIFICALLY STATED CONTRARY AND AM INCLINED BELIEVE HIM.
- 3) SOVIET MAY WISH IMPASSE IN PRESENT TALKS IN ORDER HAVE CRACK AT GERMANS.
- 4) SOVIETS WISH DEVELOP IMPASSE IN HOPE ACHIEVE SUMMIT MEETING, MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, OR AT LEAST MEETING WITH MACMILLAN.
- 5) soviets having 2000 idea of what our minimum requirements FOR ADDIEMENT WOULD BE PREFER TO HAVE BREAKDOWN AND PROCEED WITH SEPARATE TREATY, PROBABLY WITH INTENTION SOME ARRANGEMENT TO INSURE THAT AT LEAST IN BEGINNING our access not inverteked vish. Current evidence appears POINT IN THIS DIMECTEON.

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